



**2025**

**Public Programs with Judy Anderson**

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Many are free / no R.S.V.P.

Others benefit local historical organizations (Mhd. Mus., Pickering Hs., MAA)

➤ **Programs for “the Salem Alarm” (or “Leslie’s Retreat”) ~ Tours & Talks by Judy Anderson:**

**Trolley Tours:**

Saturday, February 22 afternoon  
Trolley tour from Salem to Mhd. & back

2 tours: 12:30 - 2 pm & 2:30 - 4 pm both **SOLD OUT**  
starts & ends in Salem ~ at St. Peter’s Church in Salem

**Bell Ringing:**

Saturday, Feb. 22 ~ 7 am / noon / 6 pm  
Annual bell-ringing (30 min. each)

George Washington’s Birthday (a long tradition in Mhd.)  
in honor of the 1<sup>st</sup> U.S. President, George Washington

Sunday, February 23 11 am  
Town-wide Bell-ringing (3 minutes)

All Marblehead churches & synagogues plus Abbot Hall  
to celebrate no outbreak of war in Mhd. on Feb. 26, 1775

**Illustrated Talks:**

Sunday, February 23 11:45 to 12:30  
“How the Rev. War Almost Began in Mhd. & S”

at Old North Church, Marblehead ~ 35 Washington St.  
Talk is in the main church / Donations encouraged \$10 p/p

Sunday, March 9 11:30 (noon) to 1 pm  
“Four Colonels & One ‘Retreat’ ~ & M’hd’s  
Role in the ‘Salem Alarm’ on 26 Feb. 1775”

at the Pickering House in Salem ~ 18 Broad St., Salem  
\$25 to benefit the Col. Pickering House / P. Hs. Association  
Reservations open to public Feb. 22 ~ PickeringHouse.org

Wednesday, April 23 7 pm  
“Facing Col. Alexander Leslie of Scotland”

at Tapley Hall in Danvers ~ 13 Page Street, Danvers  
Donations to benefit the Danvers Historical Society

Sunday, April 27 11:45 am to 1 pm  
“How the Rev. War Could Have Begun in M or S”

at Old North Church, Marblehead ~ 35 Washington St.  
Talk is in the main church / Donations encouraged \$10 p/p

**Walking Tours:**

Friday, April 25 5 to 6 pm  
Saturday, April 26 9 to 10 am  
Sunday, April 27 4 to 5 pm

in Marblehead ~ Meet at Fort Beach / End on Wash. St.  
**SAME TOUR** each time / No RSVP / No restrooms /  
No rain date / Children are welcome & Dogs on a leash

“How the First Shots of the Amer. Rev. War Could Have been Fired in M’head &/or Salem on Feb. 26, 1775  
Just 7 Weeks before Lexington & Concord” Individual or group tours can also be scheduled by appointment

➤ **Other Programs by Judy Anderson ~ TALKS & TOURS ~ in Marblehead ~ April to October:**

**Illustrated Talk:**

Thursday, April 10 7 to 8 pm  
“Marblehead’s Most Enigmatic Revolutionary ~  
Honoring the Life & Legacy of Colonel Jeremiah Lee”

**Note:** Jeremiah Lee was born April 16 & died May 10  
at the Marblehead Museum ~ 170 Washington St.  
in person or **via zoom** / \$10 members / \$15 public  
Reservations ~ **MarbleheadMuseum.org** / Upcoming progr.

A tribute to Colonel Jeremiah Lee ~ father, husband, businessman, community leader & rebel (Patriot) leader ~  
and the 12 months before the fateful day of April 19, 1775 which led to his premature & long forgotten death on May 10.

**Walking / Sitting Tours:**

“Col. J. Lee & His Covert Revolutionary Acts”  
Friday, May 9 5 to 6:30 pm  
Saturday, May 10 10 to 11:30 am  
Saturday, May 10 4 to 5:30 pm

**Note:** Colonel Lee did far more than anyone realizes  
incl. period quotes by & about Lee & his risk-filled role in 1774 & ‘75  
**Meet in front of Lee Mansion** ~ 161 Washington St.  
**SAME CONTENT** (essentially) each time / \$10 mbrs. / \$15 public  
Reservations online ~ **MarbleheadMuseum.org** / Upcoming progr.

**Illustrated Talks at King Hooper Mansion:** *Note: 'King' Hooper was 68, & a moderate Loyalist or 'Tory'*

**Sunday, May 18** 1 to 2 pm **at the King Hooper Mansion** ~ 8 Hooper Street  
"The Loyalist / Patriot Divide in Mhd. in 1775" Donations to benefit Marblehead Arts Assoc. / no RSVP

On the eve of the Revolutionary War, Marblehead was a thriving & prosperous international Atlantic seaport, and a town of nearly 5,000 people ~ (perhaps the sixth or at least tenth most populous metropolis in British North America) ~ with about 950 families (living in about 525 houses ~ approx. 300 of which still survive). About 90% of those 950+ families were "rebels" (Patriots). Only about a dozen heads of families can be clearly identified as Loyalists ("Tories")

**Sunday, June 1** 1 to 2 pm **at the King Hooper Mansion** ~ 8 Hooper Street  
"Marblehead Loyalists & their Homes" Donations to benefit Marblehead Arts Assoc. / no RSVP

Town tensions came to a head in May 1775 ~ after the battle shots of April 19, 1775 ~ (and devastating economic Parliamentary sanctions that took effect in March 1775, and would have spelled ruin for Marblehead ~ as the war did). Many Loyalists were run out of town in May. But by the war's end, nearly a decade later, most (tho not all) would return.

**Sunday, September 7** 1 to 2 pm **at the King Hooper Mansion** ~ 8 Hooper Street  
"The Lee & Hooper Families and the Revolution" Donations to benefit Marblehead Arts Assoc. / no RSVP

With visuals, this program will illuminate the lives of the families of Marblehead's two most prominent merchants — rebel (Patriot) Colonel Jeremiah Lee & moderate Tory Robert 'King' Hooper — in the Revolutionary era (1763–83). Both families lost everything due to the war (as most 'Headers did) — Col. Lee losing his life to the cause after he sacrificed his fortune to help supply and arm it, and 'King' Hooper losing his fortune as he watched the collapse of everything that he had worked for a half-century to build. ('King' Hooper was in large part responsible for much of Marblehead's mid-1700s prosperity (1720s to 1750s), along with a few dozen other merchants (esp. 1750s to 70s), but those to a lesser extent). Three of Hooper's four wives and many of his grown children died before Hooper did, and most who lived longer lost their financial resources due to the war as well — as the Lees' grown children and their spouses did also, along with most of Marblehead. Interestingly, most of King Hooper's offspring were Patriots (as was M'hd's *other* principal Hooper family network, which thrived after the war and led the revival of the town's commerce).

**Programs at Fort Sewall:** *Note: Fort Sewall was not called that until about 1800*

"The 'Marblehead Fort' in 1775" ~ Before it was 'Fort Sewall' (... and ~ Who was Samuel Sewall?)

**Thursday, May 22** 5:30 to 6:30 pm Meet at Fort Beach on Front Street / No RSVP  
**Saturday, May 24** 9 to 10 am **Memorial Day weekend** (Thurs. eve, Sat. & Sun.)  
**Sunday, May 25** 4 to 5 pm **SAME CONTENT** (basically) each time / Donations

**Thursday, Sept. 5** 5:30 to 6:30 pm **SAME TOPIC** Meet at Fort Beach on Front Street  
**Saturday, Sept. 7** 9 to 10 am **Labor Day weekend** (Thurs.eve & Sat. morning) Donations

For more than a century after it was first built in 1644, the earthwork "Marblehead Fort" occupied only the very end of the headland. And it had at least 4 renovations after that, all directed by professional military engineers under Crown and military orders. **The Fort was enlarged to its current footprint in 1775, as the war began** ~ again under the direction of professional military engineers. But this time, they were officers in the Continental Army. The fort was under local Marblehead jurisdiction only briefly — during that transition time in 1775.

**The white brick structure so visually prominent now was not built until the later 1790s**, due to tensions and threat of war with France, just a decade after France helped the new U.S. win its war against France's old enemy. The talk will discuss why ~ and the answer's roots lie in the American Revolution.

**Walking Tours:** (architecture & social history) *Note: Nearly 300 houses survive from before 1775*

"Revolutionary Dwellings" **June thru October** ~ First weekend of every month  
**first Fridays** each month 5:30 to 7 pm **in downtown M'hd.** ~ Meet at Abbot Hall / No restrooms  
**first Sundays** each month 4 to 5:30 pm **SIMILAR TOUR** each time / No RSVP / No rain dates

Homes of prominent individuals in the Revolution, their lives, & how the town developed before & after 1775

**TOURS can also be scheduled any time by appointment** by individuals, organizations or groups 781-631-1762